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FBIS REPORTED MARCH 19 TEXT OF MENA STATEMENT CAIRO
THAT "SYRIA AND TURKEY HAVE COMPLETELY AGREED ON ALL
BORDER PROBLEMS BETWEEN THEM" AS RESULT TALKS HELD IN
MARDIN. EMBOFF DISCUSSED THIS REPORT WITH SYRIAN MFA
OFFICIAL AND TURKISH EMBASSY SOURCE. BOTH STRESSED
THAT AGREEMENT SETLED ONLY PRIVATE PROPERTY CLAIMS
BETWEEN NATIONALS OF TWO COUNTRIES, AN ISSUE OUTSTANDING
FROM OTTOMAN DAYS. SYRIAN MFA OFFICIAL NOTED THAT IT
DID NOT PREJUDICE OR AFFECT SYRIAN CLAIMS REGARDING
ALEXANDRETTA-ISKENDERUN, WHICH HAVE NOT BEEN RELINQUISHED.
TURKISH EMBASSY SOURCE STATED THAT, WHILE SYRIANS
STILL IN PRINCIPLE MAINTAIN PRETENSIONS TOWARD
THAT REGION, ISSUE IS PRESENTLY DORMANT AND DOES
NOT HINDER DEVELOPMENT OF CLOSER RELATIONS BETWEEN
THE TWO COUNTRIES.

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